

## CMSC LPSC 2024 trip to Banff, Alberta Canada

24 members of LPSC travelled to Banff for the CMSC Chicago Week 2024 event. Over 176 CMSC skiers participated at this legendary event. LPSC stayed at the Moose Hotel in the heart of downtown Banff, and adjacent to the bus stop for transportation to the three ski resorts of Mt. Norquay, Sunshine Banff, and Lake Louise Resort. In addition, free city transportation (right outside our front door) to the iconic Banff Springs Hotel made this location top-notch. Skiing was made easy with the option to use an Ikon ski pass at all three hills or the heavily discounted 5 or 6 day lift ticket offered through the trip registration.

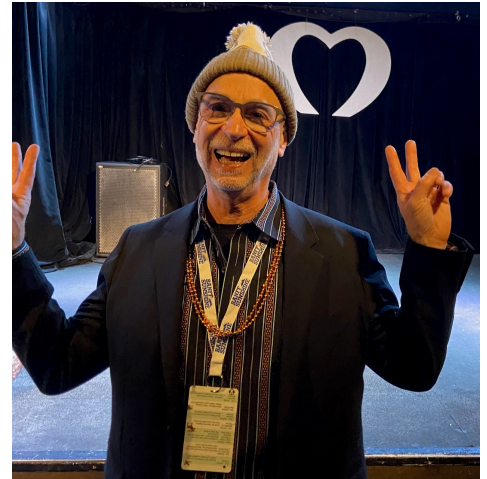
Banff ski resorts received up to 2 feet of snow during our stay. With fresh snow, it was a skier's delight.

In addition to the great skiing, CMSC offered a wealth of activities at which LPSC took home numerous awards and prizes. The CMSC extensive schedule included a welcome gathering and reception with numerous raffle prizes, a ski race, pub crawl, après ski at town pubs, and a celebratory banquet. All were terrific opportunities to meet skiers from other clubs throughout the week. On our last night in Banff, LPSC celebrated with our own finale dinner.

How much fun did we have? Check out the following highlights of our trip.

### Welcome Reception raffle prizes

LPSC scored big at the welcome reception raffle, winning 6 of the two dozen prizes.



## Ski Race Results for LPSC members

On Monday February 26 a ski race was held at Lake Louis Resort, attended by 55 participants from the various clubs. The format was a slalom course over variable downhill terrain, on a course of hard packed snow and ice. Compared with past CMSC course layouts, this was more challenging in that it was longer, steeper/faster, and the snow conditions more variable.

At the banquet awards ceremony, LPSC was the top performer, garnering fastest time of the event and 1st and 2nd best combined times over two heats. This table highlights the results.

	Skier	Time(s)	Rank
<b>Fastest time</b>	Bradley Band	45.15	Overall Winner
	Mike Boss	48.76	
	David Gordon	50.30	
	Pete Starshak	58.51	
	Allison Pierce	60.05	
	Paul McHugh	60.30	
<b>Combined time, 2 heats</b>	Mike Boss	98.88	1st place
	David Gordon	102.10	2nd place
	Pete Starshak	118.35	
<b>Closest Match Time</b>	Pete Starshak	58.51 / 59.84	1.33 sec. differential
	Mike Boss	48.76 / 50.12	1.36 sec. differential
	David Gordon	50.30 / 51.80	1.50 sec. differential





## Dinner Banquet

The dinner banquet is a gathering of the entire group of attendees, held at the Banff Conference Center. Included was a happy hour, buffet dinner at large tables for each club, the race awards presentation, and music and dancing. LPSC was honored by being chosen first to get in line at the buffet.

The banquet highlights included a display of line dancing by the LPSC dance team.





## End-of Trip Celebration Dinner

Our week at Banff concluded with a LPSC-sponsored group dinner at The Maple Leaf, where we enjoyed a 3-course Winter Feast menu. The bison ragu pasta was a hit. Below are photos of our group.

